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SUBJ: ELEVENTH SESSION, UNIDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB-XI),
MAY 23-JUNE 7; AGENDA ITEMS 7(A), REGULAR PROGRAM OF
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND 8(D) INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

1. SUMMARY: PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR IDB-XI (ID/B/174/REV.1)
PROVIDES FOR CONSIDERATION OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS WITHIN
UNIDO'S SHARE OF THE REGULAR PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
(RPTA) AND FOR FURTHER STEPS TO ACTIVATE THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
FUND (IDF). THERE FOLLOWS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF EACH
ITEM TOGETHER WITH MISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY
US DEL. END SUMMARY.

2. AGENDA ITEM 7(A)-REGULAR PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSIST-
ANCE FOR 1978/79: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PROPOSALS FOR
ALLOCATION OF UNIDO'S RPTA FUNDING FOR THE BIENNIUM ARE
CONTAINED IN DOC. ID/B/184; THE ESTIMATED TOTAL OF UNIDO
RECEIPTS FOR THE BIENNIUM. AT 1977 COSTS IS \$4,529,000,
INCLUDING \$666,200 IN NON-COVERTIBLE CURRENCIES AND AN
ALLOCATION OF \$1,280,000 FOR SPECIAL MEASURES FOR LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE PROPOSED PROGRAM REDUCES
FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP TRAINING BY ONE-THIRD
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TO \$200,000 PER ANNUM, WHILE INCREASING GROUP TRAINING TO
\$780,000 FOR THE BIENNIUM, MAINLY, IT WOULD APPEAR, TO
USE UP THE NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY COMPONENT. THE PRO-
POSAL ALSO PROVIDES A TOTAL OF \$290,000 FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAIN-
ING FACILITIES WITHIN THE LDC'S. REGIONAL ADVISORY SERVICES
ARE TO BE CUT SHARPLY TO A TOTAL OF \$660,000 FOR THE BI-
ENNIUM, WHILE SHORT-TERM ADVISORY SERVICES (INTERREGIONAL

ADVISORS) RISE TO A TOTAL OF \$680,000. ALLOCATIONS FOR COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RISE TO \$339,000 FOR THE BIENNIUM AND PROVISION FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS RISES TO \$100,000. THE PROGRAM FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES PROVIDES FOR MODEST ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASES IN FUNDING FOR CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

3. IN GENERAL, THE PROPOSED PROGRAM APPEARS TO BE ACCEPTABLE. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT NON-COVERTIBLE CURRENCIES NOW ACCOUNT FOR NO LESS THAN 15PERCENT OF THE TOTAL; DEPT. MAY WISH INSTRUCT US DEL NOTE THAT FACT. ADDITIONALLY, U.S. DEL MAY WISH INQUIRE AS TO DETAILS OF ALLOCATION OF \$290,000 FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FACILITIES IN LDC'S AND OF \$339,000 FOR COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S.

4. AGENDA ITEM 8(D)- INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (DOC. ID/B/185); DOCUMENT NOTES THAT G.A. RESES 31/202 AND 203 ESTABLISHED THE FUND AND ITS GENERAL PROCEDURES AND ANTICIPATES THAT SYG WILL PROMULGATE THE FINANCIAL RULES OF THE FUND BEFORE END 1977. THE SECRETARIAT PROPOSES AS NEXT STEPS, THAT THE IDB CALL UPON SYG TO CONVENE THE FUNDS'S FIRST PLEDGING CONFERENCE BEFORE END 1977, THAT THE IDB DELEGATE TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE AN INITIAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1978, AND THAT THE IDB FURTHER DELEGATE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, AUTHORITY TO APPROVE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS WITHIN APPROVED PROGRAMS. ALTHOUGH WE ANTICIPATE THAT SOME LDC MEMBERS OF THE IDB WILL GRUMBLE ABOUT THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISSION BELIEVES THAT U.S. DEL CAN ACCEPT ALL THREE PROPOSALS.STIBRAVY

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